Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. Claims 11, 12, 18-23, 36, 38, 40 and 41 are now pending in the application. Claims 20, 38, and 41 have been amended. Claims 8, 9, 13, 15, 29-35, 37, and 39 have been canceled.

The paragraph that begins on line 6 of page 90 has been amended to delete reference to the specific EE peptide as it is not being claimed.

The title at line 5 of page 1 and at the first line of page 104 has been amended.

The abstract of the disclosure at page 104 has been amended to reflect that the species of the disclosure is human.

The paragraph that bridges page 84, line 32 to page 85, line 13 has been amended to remove notation of an internet address.

The paragraph that starts at line 21 of page 93 has been amended to remove notation of an internet address.

The paragraph that starts at line 17 of page 94 has been amended to remove notation of an internet address.

The Office has acknowledged that claims 11, 12, 18, 19, 36, and 40 are allowed. Claims 20 and 41 have been amended to reflect proper antecedent basis. Claim 38 has been amended to be an independent claim.

Applicants have previously submitted a "Supplemental" Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in the mistaken belief that the IDS from the parent case was automatically transferred to the divisional case. Applicants are enclosing a proper IDS with this amendment, and request the Office to disregard the previously submitted "Supplemental" IDS.

Amendment dated: December 2, 2003

Response to Office Action dated June 2, 2003

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that each rejection has been addressed and overcome. Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6752.

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Enclosures:

Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in duplicate) Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate) Information Disclosure Statement with 3 References Form 1449 Postcard